



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

U.S. Application of:

For:

Kenji NAKAMURA

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE AND A
CAMERA PROVIDED WITH THE
DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The following is a Preliminary Amendment submitted in advance of a first Office Action taking action on the claims.

In accordance with the most recent rule changes, amendments to the specification are presented herein by presenting replacement paragraphs for the specification. Also, an Appendix entitled "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made," showing the current amendments to the specification is attached hereto.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: